

Baraboo Public Art Association

MINUTES

January 30, 2020

Present: Bekah Stelling, Mike Palm, Megan Watson, Ed Geick, Morgan McArthur, Kim Rabska, Marcy Huffaker, Cully Shelton, Judy Spring. **Guests:** Kenny Downing, Isabella Martinez and parents

1. Stelling called the meeting to order at 4 p.m. Motion by Palm, second by Geick to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
2. Motion by Palm, second by Huffaker to approve minutes. Friendly addition by McArthur to note that Robin Whyte and Forest Hartman noted that many donors don't trust non-profits to be good stewards of funds and encouraged BPAA participation in Greater Sauk Co. Community Foundation. Noted and motion carried.
3. Guests: Palm introduced Kenny Downing, new City Administrator. Welcome, Kenny!
4. Treasurer's Report: Huffaker presented the year end report.
 - a. Policy adopted by consensus: Add notice of 501c3 status to all thank you's, no matter the amount. Chair and Treasurer to do thank you's at each monthly meeting to keep up to date.
 - b. Motion by Palm, seconded by McArthur: BPAA will open an account with Greater Sauk County Community Foundation in the amount of \$5000, with the stipulation that BPAA can access the funds if needed. Motion carried unanimously.
 - c. Huffaker to buy sheet of stamps for various thank you notes and letters.
 - d. Note: We can apply for AHHP grant or Good Idea grant after the lead elephant project is completed, summer 2020.
5. Organizational Matters: Reminder that BPAA election of officers will be on February agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

6. Website is not active yet. Feed items for website and social media to Stelling. Remember to share posts. Add Watson as website administrator.
7. Fabric of Community murals: Website must go live before QR codes can be added.
8. Quilt Squares: Shelton to send a status update to donors. Shelton and Watson to reconcile list of donors.
9. Lead Elephant project: Palm reports the artist is planning an open house in Lodi March 14. Shelton will help with press release as needed. Community First Bank, as a major contributor, is invited to name the lead elephant. Rabska will follow up.
10. Geick Gardens: Article appeared on the front page of BNR. Park and Rec department will likely find funds for solar lighting for sculptures and pathways. Plantings will go in this year.

NEW BUSINESS

11. Palm reported that Mike Hardy is looking for artist(s) to work on murals in the Civic Center. Not a BPAA project, just FYI.
12. Planning meeting follow through: Huffaker will make a list of all donors to date. Each BPAA board member is asked to bring 3 names of potential new donors to the next meeting. Next meeting start work on "shopping list" for donors, i.e. projects for which funding is sought. Need a small subcommittee to develop a presentation for community groups.
13. Youth Mural Update. Presentation of design award \$250 to Isabella Martinez, BHS student. BNR reporter interviewed Martinez and Spring earlier in the day. Next steps: Spring will continue following timeline as approved in October plan. Materials order in February with aim to begin painting in March. Watson noted that April 22 is Fine Arts Night at BHS; recognition of Martinez award at that time.
14. Stelling noted the need for a sign panel on the second set of Fabric of Community panels. Add this to next agenda.
15. Motion by Palm to adjourn at 5 p.m., seconded by Geick. Motion carried.

Judy Spring, Secretary